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**COCAINE DISTRIBUTION RING BASED IN FLORESVILLE—MONEY LAUNDERING RING  
BASED IN EAGLE PASS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY**

*Of 38 defendants, 29 arrested and 9 remain fugitives*

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and D.E.A. Assistant Special in Charge Joseph M. Arabit** announced the arrests of 29 members of a cocaine trafficking operation based in Floresville, Texas, and a money laundering operation based in Eagle Pass, Texas.

A seven-count federal grand jury superseding indictment, returned last Wednesday, alleges that for over the past couple of years, the defendants conspired to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and launder over \$5 million in drug distribution proceeds. During the course of the investigation, authorities seized approximately \$4.5 million in cash and over 210 kilograms of cocaine.

Finally, the indictment contains a notice where the Government is seeking the criminal forfeiture of all property traceable to the alleged criminal enterprise as well as a monetary judgement in the amount of \$5,375,254.00. Upon conviction, each defendant faces between 10 years and life in federal prison and a maximum \$4 million fine. Defendants are named on the following page.

This investigation centered on the cocaine trafficking activities coordinated by Sergio Javier Garza in Floresville, Texas, and Jorge Armando Euresti in San Antonio, plus the money laundering activities coordinated by Yolanda Benavides and Josefina Campos in Eagle Pass, Texas. All four organized the transportation and delivery of controlled substances as well as the collection and return of the proceeds to individuals in Mexico.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Greg Surovic is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

**An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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**ARRESTED**

Agapito Garza, Jr. (aka Augy), age 41,  
of San Antonio  
Yolando Benavidez, age 59, of Eagle Pass  
Josefina Campos, age 81, of Eagle Pass  
Servando Martinez (aka Chavo), age 34,  
of Houston  
Luis Roel, age 26, of Houston  
Myriam Avalos Mireles, age 35, of Houston  
Jorge Armando Euresti, age 27,  
of San Antonio  
Ramon Martinez, age 32, of Houston  
Suzel Mireles, age 30, of San Antonio  
Victor Arredondo, age 33, of Eagle Pass  
Luciano Cardenas, age 20, of Eagle Pass  
Rudolfo Deluna, age 46, of Austin  
Miguel Serratos, age 34, of Austin  
Jonah Davidson, age 30, of Tyler  
Joette Barnes, age 25, of League City  
Quincy Dupree Todd, age 28, of San Antonio  
Henry Earl Todd, age 35, of San Antonio  
Joy Zwerneman, age 38, of San Antonio  
Damian Brent, age 21, of San Antonio  
Heriberto Cuencar (aka Eddie), age 26,  
of San Antonio  
Miguel Gonzalez Garza, age 61, of Houston  
Emmanuel Puentes (aka Chaira), age 22,  
of San Antonio  
Elias Rogelio Villarreal-Garcia, age 22  
James Robert Williamson (aka Jimba, Jom Bob  
and Guero), age 44, of Floresville  
Jaime Trevino, age 24  
Sara Diaz, age 41, of San Antonio  
Martha Garza Gonzalez, age 39, of Houston  
Edgar Oliver Jimenez, age 26, of San Antonio  
Homero Rodriguez (aka PW), age 28, of  
Houston

**FUGITIVES**

Manuel Martinez Zertuche (aka Meme), age 65,  
of Nueva Rosita/Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico  
Sergio Javier Garza (aka Checko), age 41,  
of Nueva Rosita/Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico  
(living in Floresville, Texas)  
Rene Martinez Zertuche age 59,  
of Nueva Rosita/Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico  
David Miranda Morales, age 28, of Houston  
Vicente Rodriguez, age 37, of Houston  
Juan Carlos Arredondo, age 28, of Eagle Pass  
Rosalinda Jimenez, age 25, of Eagle Pass  
Ernesto Gutierrez age 28, of Brownsville  
Linda Wrigley, age 49 of San Antonio

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